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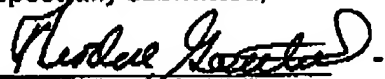
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the office action of 9 September 2003.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks is respectfully  
solicited.